Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11th, 2007

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for
Week of February 11, 2007
1 Samuel 26: 2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23;
1Corinthians 15: 45–49; Luke 6: 27–38

Theme: We are called to love as Jesus loves.

Question for Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth every day?
Question for Children: What can you do this week to be nice to someone who is hard to get along with?

Monday, February 12th 2007
Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13
8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of souls in Purgatory
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Office Hours
(Volunteer in office)

Tuesday, February 13th 2007
Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21
NO Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 14th 2007
Memorial of Saint Cyril, Monk, and Saint Methodius, Bishop
Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Office Hours
9: 00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
6:00 p.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention: For the Sexually Abused & Birthday of Jill Troutman
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Meal
7:00 p.m. - Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, February 15th 2007
Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33
8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy
Intention: Health of Gayle Thom
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
11:30 a.m. – Single Spouses Potluck
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts

Friday, February 16th 2007
Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1
8:00 a.m. - Daily Liturgy
Intention: Repose of Mike DeMersseman
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Saturday, February 17th 2007
Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13
8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy with Adoration
Intention: For moisture
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Food Pantry
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Reconciliation
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;
1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38
5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Memorial of Lindsey Venjohn
Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: Cecilia Keller
Altar Servers: Marissa & Trevor Pitsor
*Sarah Cresalia
Blood: Greg Sass, Carol Conway, Jan Schurman, Jerry Silbernagel
Body: Nancy Sass
Lectors: Tony Berendse & Greg Sass
Sacristans: Charlie & Patty Cresalia
Ushers: Steve & Sue Colgan
Choir: Folk Group

Sunday, February 18th 2007
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;
1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Repose of James McNulty Sr.
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Matthew Jacobs, Garrett & Cheyenne Quinn
Blood: Brenda Jacobs, Beth-Anne Ferley, Pat Suiter, Frank Boner
Body: Kevin Rohrbach
Lectors: Pat Suiter & Jessica Ferley
Sacristans: Frank & Donna Boner
Ushers: Marc Jacobs & John Wang
Choir: Brenda Czmowski

8:30 a.m. - RCIA Class
9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation Class
9:15 a.m. - Coffee & Rolls

10:30 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist
Intention: For the OLBH Community
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: Mattias Didriksen, Kaleah & *Austin Evans
Blood: Christine Didriksen, Jim McCormick, Jim & Barb Scherr
Body: Mary Blauvelt
Lectors: Jim Scherr & Brad Blauvelt
Sacristans: The Blauvelt Family
Ushers: The Inman Family
Choir: Family Choir

7:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

Sparks From Mark

Our Lady of the Black Hills just formed a new Funeral Committee. The chairpersons are Patty Creek, Loretta Wiehl and Diane Norman. I have appointed them for a three-year term. At this time, I also wanted to say thank you to Doris Hume who helped serve with Patti Creek in the past. Doris has been helping to organize the funeral luncheons for the past 14 years and so we thank you Doris for your gift to the parish community.

In visiting with Patti, Loretta, and Diane we decided to offer a choice of three different menus for funeral luncheons as a way to help families in a difficult time to prepare a funeral for their loved one. The luncheon is a part of the funeral itself as it allows the family, friends and the parish community to help show support and help those whose loved one has died and to share the burden of their grief in the name of Christ.

At times one of the difficulties that we have is to find people in the parish who will be willing to bring cookies and/or cakes for after the Vigil Liturgy and to bring salads and/or deserts for the funeral luncheon itself. It seems that we all live hectic and chaotic lives with many things on our plates such as work and family.

I think it would be good for all of us, as parish community, to pray and reflect on the "works of mercy." There is a wonderful section in the Catechism of the Catholic Church **number 2447.** The works of mercy are; feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. A couple of good scripture passages for us to reflect on are Luke 3.11, Luke 11.41, James 2. 15-16 and I John 3.17.

If you are interested in helping with the funeral committee please contact Patti Creek at 787-5511, Loretta Wiehl at 923-1603 or Diane Norman at 923-6568. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for the Funeral Committee at our Stewardship/Ministry Fair on the weekend of March 3- 4.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark

Prayer Corner: *Names will remain on the list for one month. Please contact the office for continued prayers.*

Improved Health: Marilyn Nelson, George Senn, Theresa Renner, Larry Still, Lester Hildebrand, Margaret & Eddie Heisinger

Repose: Darvin Weiger, Mary Smith, Mary Martens, Mike DeMersseman, Donnie Quinn, and Joanna Fideler, Steven Melvin

Stewardship

February 3rd & 4th

Loose	$1,745.04
Envelopes	$3,402.00
Student	$72.73
Building Fund	$871.66
Total	$6,091.43

Renovation Pledges

May 1st, 2005 to April 30th, 2007
Total Pledged - $141,112.01
Total Received - $112,475.43

Ash Wednesday Collection

Please remember Catholic Social Services during this Lenten Season. A special collection for the agency will be taken on Ash Wednesday. A good part of the CSS annual budget is made up of your generous donations. Your giving allows us to answer the call to help the poor among us. Working together, we can change lives!

E-Tithing

What is E-Tithing? The Electronic Tithing plan is a program by which parishioners may have a monthly amount taken electronically from their bank accounts and electronically credited to their parish. It is a convenient, safe, and reliable way to make stewardship contributions using electronic transfer. This is similar to programs offered by banks and utility companies. Your contributions may be automatically withdrawn from a regular checking or savings account at any bank or credit union. Each parishioner simply completes a form and the parish does the rest. No one but the parishioner has access to his or her account, and nothing can be withdrawn without authorization. The contribution amount may be changed at any time by simply sending a written notice to the parish.

Best of all, it saves time and helps keep your parish budget on track throughout the year

We will not have Adoration this Sunday, February 11th

RENEW Leaders Meeting will be Thursday the 15th of February at 7:00 pm in the Church Library. Books will be handed out at that time. For questions, please call Jim Scherr at 716-6285

You are Invited!

Called & Gifted Workshop
Friday, February 23rd 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
&Saturday February 24th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Call the parish office to register, 787-5168

Palms for Ashes- Please bring any palms that you want to get rid of from last year's Palm Sunday and put them in the basket in the gathering area. We will burn the palms and use them for the ashes on Ash Wednesday. Please bring them by Feb. 18.

Lenten Fish Fry Dinner

Friday, March 2
We will begin serving at 5:00 p.m.
Proceeds benefit the OLBH missionary group going to Guatemala in June!

Come, Sing in the Easter Cantata!

Singers from the Piedmont Valley churches will be presenting an Easter cantata entitled *Christ Above All* on Palm Sunday, April 1. Rehearsals will be held at Grace United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoons 4:00-5:30, beginning February 11. Please come and offer your voice in praise and worship of our Savior. If you have questions, call Deacon John at 787-5862.

Youth and Young Adults

Confirmation Students!

Don't forget that the first class starts Sunday, February 25th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at OLBH. If you have any questions, call the parish office at 787-5168.

D.U.H.

Don't Underestimate Him/Lean Into Him

The annual Diocesan High School Rally will be held in Ft. Pierre on March 24. Cost of $25 includes meals, T-shirt, and all activities. For more information or a registration form please contact Teresa Thompson at 787-5168 or at home at 787-4231. ***Registrations must be turned into Teresa by Monday, March 12.***

Vocation Weekend for Young Women

Interested in finding out more about where God is calling you? Join us March 24-25 for a vocation retreat, which will include prayer and discussion about discernment, prayer, and religious life. For young women ages 16+. This weekend will be a great opportunity to spend time with and ask questions of religious sisters, and learn more about religious life. The retreat will begin immediately after the HS Youth Rally, 8pm, Sat., Mar. 24, and will end at 2:30pm on Sun., Mar. 25. Cost is $15. Contact Susan Safford, Coordinator of Vocations, Diocese of Rapid City, at 605-343-3541, or ssafford@diorc.org for more information or to register. Registration forms available at www.Gods-call.org.

Diocesan News

Christian Family Planning Seminar, a requirement for engaged couples, will be offered by the Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry on Saturday, February 24th, 9:00 a.m. - Noon at St. John's Parish in Ft. Pierre. The seminar is also an enriching learning experience for married couples and anyone wanting to know more about Natural Family Planning and the Church's teachings. For more information, and to register for this seminar, call Family Life Ministries at 343-3541

Continuing Education Opportunities:

The Old Testament Praying Alone & Together All are welcome to participate in the following opportunities for continuing education sponsored by the diocesan Ministry Formation Program. The classes will be held from February through May. Pre-registration is not required and the classes are free of charge.

Beginning February 13, Fr. Dick McCaslin, S.J. and Sr. Marie Schwan, C.S.J. will offer a class on the Old Testament every other Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 24 of the Blessed Sacrament parish hall. Minimal textbook charge. For more information, contact Fr. McCaslin at 605-985-5906 or dmcc@gwtc.net.

An informational meeting to introduce *Praying Alone & Together*, a prayer module for small faith communities, will be held on Tuesday, February 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 24 of the Blessed Sacrament parish hall. Planning committee members will present the class format and answer questions. The cost of the textbook is $9. Contact Pat Petit at 605-343-0757 or pattyjeanashf@aol.com for more information.

Fr. John Pennington's Farewell- It is with heavy hearts that we say good-bye to Fr. John as he prepares to return this month to his Jesuit community in Chicago. A farewell reception to honor Fr. John will be held on Sun. Feb. 18 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Cathedral hall. Breakfast will be served during these hours, or you may choose to visit with Fr. John over cake and coffee.

Annual Diocesan Men's Retreat

Taking Up the Journey Again: Confronting Old Temptations and Meeting New Companions The Most Rev. Blase Cupich will direct the silent retreat, Friday, March 9 through Sunday, March 11, 2007. He will use the Gospel of Luke as a reference point during his talks. Luke the Evangelist describes the Christian life as taking up the Way, and provides numerous examples of how the early Church understood what it means to take up the Way. For information or to register, call Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541. Registration deadline is Monday, February 26th. A minimum number of registrations must be received by the deadline for the retreat to be held.

For the Ride Home

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2007

Scripture

- Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. (Jeremiah 17:7)
- He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season,
  and whose leaves never fade.
  Whatever he does prospers. (Psalm 1:3)
- Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. (Luke 16:22)
- But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. (Luke 16:24)

Reflection

- Can hunger be satisfied and remain hunger? What does spiritual hunger feel like?
- Can the rich be consoled and remain rich? Why do possessions choke off the spiritual quest for God?
- How is it possible to yield fruit but "never fade"?
- What gives life more abundant than running water?

The invisible became visible; the intangible became tangible in Christ. History has been shocked into new life since Jesus came to play a part in it: the cosmos has become a sacred offering since the Word took flesh from a woman living within the cosmos.

God has become human,
The Word has become a child,
Immensity has accepted limitations.
The infinite has become finite.
The unknowable has made himself known. Omnipotence became a child.
The immutable accepted suffering.
The perfect one took the burden of sin.
Life was attained through death.
Love was expressed as resurrection.
Jesus became our brother … [1]

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[1] Carretto, Carlo, *Selected Writings*, edited by Robert Ellsberg, Orbis Books; Maryknoll, NY, 1994, p. 47.